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Henry Hastings Hall to W S Hall, 13 October 1859]

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13th Oct 59

My dear brother

I received your favor per last mail and am extremely happy to hear you are still keeping the wolf from the door but if you can't it will be a blue look-out for some. You say you have not heard from me by last mail I wrote you & probably you received it after you had written to me. As I said before I shall on no account miss writing you until our affairs assume a more decided aspect. By last mail I am indebted to Sarah for a long letter but I fear I cannot reply at once. I shall write Taylor & Turner by this opportunity directed to your care. Old Cohen who has certainly shewn great kindness and forbearance to me has sent a very kind letter of condolences on the death of my father — says his confidence in me is not at all diminished, that he always felt satisfied he should be paid sooner or later and seemed very desirous of arranging to send large consignments to me, he has for some time been sending quantities of things to Samson but I think he has enough of his own to attend to. But don't be afraid of me shackling myself with new difficulties — fools grow wise by experience and if I eventually have any other transactions with him it will be on condition that any goods not fully approved shall be sold at his risk. I only mention this to you but have no idea of doing anything at present — but the circumstances of the colony are so different to the time I was in business that things from him I could not sell at all would be readily disposed of now there is such a different class of people and far more money. But enough! Frank writes me that the Cattle belonging to our late Father's estate are on the road up from the Blackwood and will be here in a fortnight. I, Ander & his wife (that is) 'I & the King' have been to a grand party at Bickley's, there was a dinner and dance and a picnic next day, but as I had many letters to write for the Mail I did not stay for the latter. I hope our business will be pretty well settled by Xmas. Mr Lazenby has valued the household goods at £156-3-6 and I the division. I shall act for you and Sarah. Adam Armstrong

has sold Ravenswood and I believe is going on to some of Mr Turner's property at Augusta. I was much obliged by the two Newspapers, a weekly paper is a great treat to me. Peel has made a public acknowledgement that he made a false statement of his affairs. I expected it would come to this however I gave him very particular advice on this and he must take the consequences of his chicanery. I am not certain about the time but I believe Frank will be married very shortly. His intended is coming to Perth at once & that looks like getting the wedding clothes. Well I wish him all happiness and next time I get the chance will drink to your speedy union.

Our garden looks well and the vines notwithstanding my pruning promise an abundant crop. The weather has already set in fine and warm. The Capt (Harris) I came with from Adelaide was one of the unfortunates drowned in the steamer *Admella*. When you come up Frank wishes you to bring him two stockwhips about 12 or 14 feet long but I shall want a few things and I will send you the money for them at some future time. Aunt is going to have our father's likeness copied and send me the original.

All unite with me in love and are well except poor Theodosia who says she has not enjoyed good health since our father's death

My dear old fellow

Your ever affect bro

H H Hall

The Yankey that can lift 926 lbs with his naked hands is a strong fellow ain't he?

You need not necessarily write me by every mail as I fear it is too great a tax